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13	In re:	Chapter 11 Case No. 20-30604	
14	PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL INVESTORS, INC., et al.,		
15		(Jointly Administered)	
16	Debtors.	ORDER FINALLY APPROVING AMENDED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND CONFIRMING SECOND AMENDED	
17 18		JOINT CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL INVESTORS, INC. AND ITS AFFILIATED	
19		DEBTORS PROPOSED BY THE DEBTORS AND OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF	
20		UNSECURED CREDITORS AND SUPPORTED BY THE AD HOC LLC	
21		MEMBERS COMMITTEE AND THE AD HOC DOT NOTEHOLDERS COMMITTEE	
22		(DATED MAY 20, 2021)	
23		Plan Confirmation Hearing: Date: May 27, 2021	
24		Time: 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time) Place: Telephonic/Video Appearances	
25		Only 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 16th Floor	
26		San Francisco, CA 94102 Judge: Hon. Hannah L. Blumenstiel	
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¹A complete list of the Debtors and their respective chapter 11 case numbers may be found at www.donlinrecano.com/pfi. The federal tax identification numbers of each of the Debtors is also available in the bankruptcy petitions of each Debtor, also available at the Donlin Recano website. As used in this Order and the Plan, use of the term "Debtors" also includes Professional Investors 28, LLC and PFI Glenwood LLC as of the Effective Date.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined in this order shall have the meaning given to them in the Plan DOCS_SF:105587.1 70041/002

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counsel at the Confirmation Hearing, issued detailed findings of fact and conclusions of law on the record at the Confirmation Hearing, which constitute the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law for the purposes of Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 7052, as made applicable to this contested matter by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9014, and which findings of fact and conclusions of law are incorporated herein by this reference.

For the reasons stated by the Court on the record at the Confirmation Hearing, and for good cause appearing therefore,

IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE COURT THAT:

- **A.** <u>Jurisdiction and Venue</u>. This Court has jurisdiction to confirm the Plan pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 157. The Confirmation Hearing is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(L) and venue of the Chapter 11 Cases in the Northern District of California is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1408.
- B. Notice of Confirmation Hearing. Due and sufficient notice of the Confirmation Hearing has been provided under the circumstances and under applicable rules and consistent with the requirements imposed by this Court in its Order (I) Approving the Plan Summary and Conditionally Approving Disclosure Statement; (II) Scheduling Combined Hearing on Approval of Disclosure Statement and Confirmation of Plan and Approving the Form and Manner of Service of the Combined Hearing Notice; (III) Establishing Non-Investor Bar Dates for Filing Proofs of Claim; (IV) Approving Form and Manner of Notice of Non-Investor Bar Dates; (V) Establishing Procedures for the Solicitation and Tabulation of Votes on Plan; and (VI) Approving Related Matters entered on April 19, 2021, as Docket No. 575 (the "Solicitation Procedures Order").
- C. <u>Voting on Plan</u>. The Solicitation Procedures Order fixed May 13, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time as the deadline to submit ballots to accept or reject the Plan. The Proponents have tabulated the ballots received, as evidenced by the Declaration of John Burlacu filed on May 20, 2021 as Docket No. 650-1 (the "<u>Burlacu Declaration</u>") and the Final Tabulation Results attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> thereto (the "<u>Final Tabulation Results</u>").

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As set forth in the Burlacu Declaration, out of 2,193 timely ballots cast, a total of 2,188 voted to accept the Plan and only five (5) voted to reject the Plan.

- **D.** <u>Objections</u>. No formal objections to the Plan other than the Limited Objection were filed. No formal objections to the adequacy of the information contained in the Disclosure Statement (as that term is defined in the Solicitation Procedures Order) were filed.
- E. Compliance with Confirmation Requirements of Bankruptcy Code

 Sections 1123 and 1129. The Plan, as modified by this Order, complies with the applicable requirements of sections 1123 and 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, which set forth the conditions necessary for confirmation.
- **F.** Settlement of Claims and Controversies. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1123(a)(5), 1123(b)(3), and 1123(b)(6), as well as Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and in consideration for the Distributions and other benefits provided under the Plan, the provisions of the Plan constitute a good faith compromise and settlement of all claims and controversies relating to the rights that a Holder of a Claim or an Equity Interest may have against any Debtor with respect to any Claim, Equity Interest, or any Distribution on account thereof, as well as of all potential Intercompany Claims, Intercompany Liens, and Causes of Action against any Debtor. The compromise and settlement of all such claims or controversies are (i) in the best interest of the Debtors, the Estates, and their respective property and stakeholders; and (ii) fair, equitable, and reasonable.

Based upon the record of the Confirmation Hearing, all the proceedings held before this Court in these Chapter 11 Cases, and the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

A. Final Approval of Disclosure Statement

1. The Disclosure Statement, which was conditionally approved in the Solicitation Procedures Order, is finally approved as containing adequate information within the meaning of section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code.

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B. Confirmation of the Plan

- 2. The Plan and each of its provisions (whether or not specifically approved herein) is hereby APPROVED and CONFIRMED in all respects, as modified herein; provided, however, that if there is any direct conflict between the terms of the Plan and the terms of this Order, the terms of this Order shall control. Each of the terms and conditions of the Plan, including the Supplement to Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Professional Financial Investors, Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors Proposed by the Debtors and Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors and Supported by the Ad Hoc LLC Members

 Committee and the Ad Hoc Dot Noteholders Committee, filed on May 6, 2021 as Docket

 No. 612, and all other exhibits and schedules thereto, are an integral part of the Plan and are incorporated by reference into this Order. All objections and responses to, and statements regarding, the Plan, to the extent that they have not been withdrawn, waived, or settled prior to the entry of this Order or are not cured by the relief granted herein, are hereby expressly overruled.
 - 3. The Limited Objection is rendered moot by the Plan.
- 4. With respect to the twenty-nine (29) ballots received after the voting deadline that are summarized on Exhibit B to the Burlacu Declaration, the Proponents are authorized to honor the following elections made on such ballots as valid and binding:
 - (a) Any election to contribute Contributed Claims to the PFI Trust;
 - (b) Any election to treat a Class 4 DOT Noteholder Claim as an unsecured claim under the Plan and release and reconvey any DOT Noteholders' Deed of Trust in such claimant's name; and
 - (c) Any TIC Investor Treatment Election.

C. Conditions Precedent

5. The Effective Date shall not occur and the Plan shall not be consummated unless and until each of the conditions set forth in Section 8.1 of the Plan have been satisfied or duly waived pursuant to Section 8.2 of the Plan.

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6. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 3020(e), and to the extent applicable, Bankruptcy Rules 7062 and 9014, this Order is not subject to any stay, and the Plan shall become effective at the option of the Debtors at any time in their sole discretion, after consultation with the Committees, following (i) entry of this Order, and (ii) satisfaction of the requirements set forth in the preceding paragraph 5 of this Order.

D. Successors and Assigns

7. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1141, effective as of the Effective Date, the provisions of the Plan (including all documents and agreements executed pursuant to or in connection with the Plan) and the terms of this Order are binding on the Debtors, any and all holders of Claims and Interests (irrespective of whether such Claims or Interests are impaired under the Plan or whether the holders of such Claims or Interests accepted, rejected or are deemed to have accepted or rejected the Plan), any and all non-Debtor parties to executory contracts and unexpired leases with the Debtors and any and all Persons who are parties to or are subject to the settlements, compromises, releases, discharges and injunctions set forth in the Plan, including, without limitation, any Person deemed a beneficiary under the PFI Trust, and the respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, agents, beneficiaries, guardians, successors or assigns, if any, of any of the foregoing.

E. Substantive Consolidation

8. On the Effective Date, PFI, PISF, the LLC/LP Debtors, Professional Investors 28, LLC, and PFI Glenwood LLC (collectively, the "Consolidated Estates") shall be substantively consolidated pursuant to sections 105(a), 541, 1123, and 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. As a result of such substantive consolidation, on the Effective Date, all property, rights and claims of the Consolidated Estates and all Claims against the Consolidated Estates shall be deemed to be pooled for purposes of distributions under the Plan and, in the PFI Trustee's discretion, other purposes. Further, as a result of such substantive consolidation, all claims between and among the Consolidated Estates shall be cancelled, subject to any Alternative Restructuring Transactions; provided, however, that DOCS_SF:105587.1 70041/002

(i) while all Consolidated Estates shall be substantively consolidated for purposes of distribution to creditors, such that all Investors shall have claims against a single pool of the Consolidated Estates' assets, the actual substantive consolidation of entities, particularly for tax purposes, shall be at the option of the Debtors or the PFI Trust, as applicable, and subject to any Alternative Restructuring Transactions, and (ii) any and all TIC Interests in the Real Properties that are held by any Consolidated Estate shall not be substantively consolidated.

F. Vesting of Assets

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9. On the Effective Date, and subject to Section 2.2 of the Plan, the PFI Trust shall be automatically vested with all of the Debtors' and the Estates' respective rights, title, and/or interest in and to all PFI Trust Assets, and the OpCo shall be automatically vested with all of the Debtors' and the Estates' respective rights, title and/or interest in and to all OpCo Assets. Except as specifically provided in the Plan or this Order, in accordance with Bankruptcy Code sections 1141 and 1146(a), the PFI Trust Assets, the OpCo Assets and any other assets shall automatically vest in the PFI Trust and the OpCo, as applicable, free and clear of all Claims, Liens, or interests (including, without limitation, any and all DOT Noteholders' Deeds of Trust), subject only to the PFI Trust Interests and the PFI Trust Expenses, as provided for in the PFI Trust Agreement, and such vesting shall be exempt from any stamp, real estate transfer, other transfer, mortgage reporting, sales, use, or other similar tax. The PFI Trustee shall be the exclusive trustee of the PFI Trust Assets (which PFI Trust Assets include all ownership interests in the OpCo) for purposes of 31 U.S.C. § 3713(b) and 26 U.S.C. § 6012(b)(3), as well as the representative of the Estates appointed pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1123(b)(3) regarding all PFI Trust Assets, the OpCo and the OpCo Assets. The PFI Trust shall hold and distribute the PFI Trust Assets and shall collect and distribute all proceeds from the operations and/or sale of the OpCo and the OpCo Assets in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and the PFI Trust Agreement.

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- unexpired leases that are listed on the Schedule of Assumed Agreements, and shall assign such contracts and leases to the PFI Trust or the OpCo, as appropriate. The Debtors shall have the right to amend the Schedule of Assumed Agreements at any time prior to the Effective Date, in the Debtors' reasonable discretion after consultation with each of the Committees. The Debtors shall provide notice of any amendment to the Schedule of Assumed Agreements to the party or parties to those agreements affected by the amendment.
- 12. On the Effective Date all executory contracts and unexpired leases of the Debtors shall be rejected except for (i) executory contracts and unexpired leases that have been previously assumed or rejected by the Debtors, (ii) all executory contracts and unexpired leases specified as to be assumed in paragraph 11 above (including all contracts and leases set forth in the Schedule of Assumed Agreements, as may be amended), and DOCS SF:105587.1 70041/002

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(iii) any agreement, obligation, security interest, transaction, or similar undertaking that the

Debtors believe is not executory or a lease, but that is later determined by this Court to be

Any Rejection Claim or other Claim for damages arising from the rejection

an executory contract or unexpired lease that is subject to assumption or rejection under

under the Plan of an executory contract or unexpired lease must be Filed and served no

later than the Rejection Claims Bar Date. Any such Rejection Claims that are not timely

holding such Claims will not receive and be barred from receiving any Distributions on

pursuant to the Plan, the PFI Trust may object to any Rejection Claim on or prior to the

Claim Objection Deadline. For the avoidance of doubt, the Rejection Claims Bar Date

order of this Court with respect to any executory contract or unexpired leases that was

be made under the Plan shall be governed solely by the terms of the Plan. The

classifications and amounts of Claims, if any, set forth on the Ballots tendered to or

returned by Holders of Claims or Interests in connection with voting on the Plan (i) were

necessarily represent, and in no event shall be deemed to modify or otherwise affect, the

actual classification of such Claims or Interests under the Plan for distribution purposes,

(iii) shall not be binding on the Debtors or the PFI Trust except with respect to voting on

distribution or any other purpose (other than for evidencing the vote of such party on the

the Plan, and (iv) may not be relied upon by any Holder of a Claim or Interest as

representing the actual classification of such Claims or Interests under the Plan for

set forth on the Ballots solely for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan, (ii) do not

established by the Plan does not alter any rejection claims bar date established by a prior

The classification of Claims and Interests for purposes of the distributions to

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16. The PFI Trust shall have the exclusive right, power, and interest on behalf of 12 itself, the Debtors, the Estates, and the Contributing Claimants, to enforce, sue on, settle, 13 compromise, transfer, or assign (or decline to do any of the foregoing) any or all of the PFI 14 Trust Actions without notice to or approval from this Court, subject to the PFI Trust 15 Agreement. In accordance with the Plan, without any further notice to or action, order, or 16 approval of this Court, from and after the Effective Date, the PFI Trust may compromise 17 and settle PFI Trust Actions, subject to the PFI Trust Agreement.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Order (including in the

Investor Claims Special Provisions), from and after the Effective Date, the PFI Trust will

retain all rights to institute, commence, file, pursue, prosecute, enforce, abandon, settle,

compromise, release, waive, dismiss, or withdraw, as appropriate, (a) any and all of the

Debtors' or Estates' Causes of Action, (b) Causes of Action that are Contributed Claims

Actions, all as PFI Trust Actions, in each case in any court or other tribunal, including in

an adversary proceeding Filed in the Chapter 11 Cases, subject to the requirements set

(whether existing as of the Petition Date or thereafter arising), and (c) all Avoidance

17. The failure to specifically identify in the Disclosure Statement (including the exhibits and schedules thereto) or the Plan any potential or existing Avoidance Actions or Causes of Action as a PFI Trust Action shall not limit the rights of the PFI Trust to pursue any such Avoidance Actions or Causes of Action. Unless a PFI Trust Action is expressly waived, relinquished, released, compromised, or settled in the Plan or any Final Order (including this Order), the Debtors have expressly reserved such PFI Trust Actions for later resolution by the PFI Trust (including any Avoidance Actions or Causes of Action not specifically identified or of which the Debtors may presently be unaware or that may arise or exist by reason of additional facts or circumstances unknown to the Debtors at this time or facts or circumstances that may change or be different from those the Debtors now believe to exist). In addition, the right to pursue or adopt any claims alleged in any lawsuit

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in which any Debtor, the PFI Trust, or the OpCo is a plaintiff, defendant, or an interested party is fully reserved as against any Person that is not a Released Party, including the plaintiffs or co-defendants in such lawsuits.

K. Actions in Furtherance of the Plan

18. The Proponents and the PFI Trustee are authorized to: (a) take any and all such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement, effectuate, and consummate the Plan in accordance with its terms as modified by this Order; and (b) execute any and all such documents and instruments as may be required to effectuate the Plan.

Releases L.

19. Any releases contained in the Plan are approved in all respects. The commencement or prosecution by any entity, whether directly, derivatively or otherwise, of any claims, obligations, suits, judgments, damages, demands, debts, rights, causes of action or liabilities released pursuant to the Plan are permanently enjoined.

M. Non-Discharge of the Debtors; Property Free and Clear

20. In accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d)(3)(A), the Plan does not discharge the Debtors. Bankruptcy Code section 1141(c) nevertheless provides, among other things, that the property dealt with by the Plan, including, without limitation, the Real Properties, is free and clear of all Claims and Equity Interests against the Debtors, except as otherwise provided with respect to the Non-Investor First-Priority Lenders in Section 2.2 of the Plan. As such, no Person holding a Claim (other than the Non-Investor First-Priority Lenders as provided in Section 2.2 of the Plan) or an Equity Interest may receive any payment from, or seek recourse against, any assets that are to be distributed under the Plan other than assets required to be distributed to that Person under the Plan.

N. **Injunction**

21. As of the Effective Date, all Persons are precluded and barred from asserting against any property to be distributed under the Plan any Claims, rights, Causes of Action, liabilities, Interests, or other action or remedy based on any act, omission, transaction, or other activity that occurred before the Effective Date except as expressly provided in the DOCS SF:105587.1 70041/002

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Plan or this Order. The foregoing discharge, release and injunction are an integral part of the Plan and are essential to its implementation.

22. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary or an abstention from voting on the Plan, no provision of the Plan, or this Order: (i) releases any non-debtor person or entity from any claim or cause of action of the SEC; or (ii) enjoins, limits, impairs, or delays the SEC from commencing or continuing any claims, causes of action, proceedings, or investigations against any non-debtor person or entity in any forum.

O. Term of Injunctions or Stays

23. Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, all injunctions or stays in the Chapter 11 Cases under Bankruptcy Code sections 105 or 362 or otherwise, and extant as of the Confirmation Hearing (excluding any injunctions or stays contained in or arising from the Plan or this Order), shall remain in full force and effect through and inclusive of the Effective Date and thereafter shall automatically terminate unless otherwise ordered by this Court, at which time they are replaced with the injunction set forth in Section N above.

P. Plan Modifications

As none of the modifications to the Plan made in filings with the Court or on the record at the Confirmation Hearing violate Bankruptcy Code sections 1122 or 1123, such modifications meet the requirements of Bankruptcy Code section 1127(a) and are approved.

Q. Payment of Statutory Fees

25. All fees payable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930, shall be paid by the Debtors on or before the Effective Date. All such fees that arise after the Effective Date shall be paid by the PFI Trust.

R. Reference to and Validity and Enforceability of the Plan Provisions

26. The failure to reference any particular provision in the Plan in this Order shall have no effect on the binding effect, enforceability or legality of such provision and such provision shall have the same binding effect, enforceability or legality as every other

provision of the Plan. Each term and provision of the Plan, as modified or interpreted by the Court, is valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms.

S. Notice of Entry of Confirmation Order

27. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 2002(f)(7) and 3020(c), the Debtors are hereby directed to serve a notice of the entry of this Order, on all parties that received notice of the Confirmation Hearing, no later than 15 Business Days after the date of entry of this Order; *provided, however*, that the Debtors shall be obligated to serve such notice only on the record holders of Claims and Interests.

T. SEC Related Provisions

28. Nothing in the Plan or this Order constitutes a determination as to whether any claim by the SEC for disgorgement or civil penalties is entitled to be subordinated to payment of general unsecured claims, notwithstanding the definition of Other Subordinated Claims in the Plan. Further, the SEC shall retain the right, at any time after the Effective Date, to amend any timely filed proofs of claim to assert such claims in specific dollar amounts.

U. Retention of Jurisdiction

29. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to the fullest extent permitted by the Plan and applicable law to enforce, implement, interpret and resolve issues and disputes with respect to the Plan and all matters related to the Plan.

V. Headings

30. The headings contained within this Order are used for the convenience of the parties and shall not alter or affect the meaning of the text of this Order.

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12	following parties: 1. Office of the United States Trustee:				
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17	6. Nathan A. Schultz (counsel for part	ties to the Limited Objection); and			
18 19	7. All bank lenders to the Debtors.				
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